

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1-51 were pending at the time of the Office Action to which response is made. Claim 23 is cancelled. As an independent claim with no dependent claims therefrom, there are no adjustments to claim dependency required by the cancellation of claim 23.

In the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, the Examiner rejected claim 23 on the basis of 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,150,939 to Lin. The Examiner further indicated that claims 1-22 and 24-51 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

As a preliminary point, the Office Action does not appear to set out any rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicant believes that the statement pertaining to the §112 rejections may have been inadvertently included in error. Accordingly, no response to these rejections is being submitted.

In response to the Examiner's rejection, claim 23 has now been cancelled from the present application. It is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The applicant earnestly requests early allowance thereof.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed electronically, involving two US patents.

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